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A COMMITTEE of Episcopal clergymen in New York are trying heretics. They find it easy to try heretics. The difficulty is to root out the heresies.

THE restaurateurs of New York are turning out millionaires. The Delmonico, "Charley," is naturally very rich, but even Parker, who has kept a still, unpretending place at the junction of Sixth avenue and Broadway for about a third of a century, figures at \$2,000,000. What will the patricians in the millionaire line do about it?

JOAQUIN MILLER is realizing that this is a rough country for a poet who was not born in Boston and with a good snuff. He is striving to loose the iron clutch of want by writing letters or essays of the character of The Idler for the Sunday New York Star. Joaquin is a man of genius and deserves well of his country, and will doubtless be attended to after he is dead. We will send him some Burgundy, anyhow, when our ship comes in.

IN THE nine months that ended March 31, there came from Germany to this country nearly five times as many immigrants as came from Ireland in the same period. Ireland was outdone, indeed, even by England and Wales, for these countries sent 46,730, while Ireland sent only 25,014. Yet the Irish agitators are grumbling about Ireland being depopulated by emigration. The fact is, the best thing that can happen to an Irishman is to transport him to this country. There he lives in poverty, or at the best, ekes out a hard life, here he has ample scope for his industry and can become, like many of his compatriots, a successful man.

THE notorious Billings, of the United States District court of Louisiana, has rendered a judgment in favor of Mrs. Myra Clark Gaines for the modest little sum of \$1,925,667. If this temperate decree were executory, which it probably never will be, Billings would put his foot on the State constitution, which interdicts taxation beyond a certain percentage, and issue a judicial order commanding the authorities to levy a special tax large enough to pay the judgment. We are not aware what the aggregate assessments of real estate are in that city, but the sum total is more than \$1,925,667, so that Mrs. Myra Clark Gaines and Billings, her man Friday, went take it all.

THE THOMPSON-DAVIS HOMICIDE.

What is society going to do to purge itself of this crime of murder committed in vindication of a married man's honor, God help us? A man doubts the fidelity of his wife, or is aware that she is unfaithful, and suspecting an intimate life-long friend, of unsullied reputation, of availing himself of her transient disposition, kills him like a dog. It was the fate of Walter Davis, who was such a man, to be so killed by the Honorable Mr. Thompson, member of Congress. The tragedy has more depth, and greater extent, than threat of murder imports. The wife of Davis is a young

and very beautiful woman of 24, with two children. Her grief is terrible and her condition critical. We read that "she has a high fever and cries out in her delirium that her husband is innocent and calls him in the most endearing terms." This affliction, if not her life, is the spoil of this murderer. If she die it is another homicide. And the children; they take this mortal agony, almost unaware, to grow with their growth. Count the years and the days in the year, and estimate the value to them of the watchful care that can never now be theirs, of the world's richest affection, its best treasure, the love of a parent. What should be done with Thompson, is an idle question. What is society going to do to purge itself of such offenses? Will there be public meetings anywhere, called to resolve against them? Will the murderer be denounced, not hanged? Will Congress expell him in vindication of his honor? How is society to purge itself of such false sentiment as that Thompson is justified if Davis is guilty?

There is indeed doubt of the guilt of Davis. It is thought the story was a scandal of one Miss Kenshaw. But the wife of Thompson whose honor wanted this vindication is a chronic subject of such scandal. She has on her hands what is called the "Cincinnati charge," of which, as of others, he is aware. Doubtless the murderer was without support from any sense of her security against guilt. So, convinced of its probable truth as to her, he accepted the whole story. Thereupon he despoys hurriedly a young life, happy and blameless so far as anything is known, with consequences even more crushing and more appalling. This act would be utterly unjustifiable if he had known the guilt or had discovered the parties in flagrant delict. As it is, it is a staggering and stunning outrage.

Suppose it true. Then the mother of Mrs. Davis is said to have declared "That if she believed Walter was untrue to her beautiful, pure and lovable child, she would not raise her hand to shield him, and that he was served right." This is horrible. Are the American people Guineamen or Congos of Africa? Is this false logic with which society defers justice, and brings upon itself endless misery. Mrs. Thompson was not a girl ignorant of herself, of the human passions, of the false vows of men, of the consequences of her act. She knew all these. It was not a case of innocence seduced, of first affection betrayed. She had a husband who occupied the theatre of her passions. She entered deliberately into crime, was qualified to be responsible for what she did. When done, why should any other than she answer for Thompson for it? If murder was necessary to vindicate his honor, God help us again, why should not her murder be the proper one? But this committing murder to vindicate honor is a solism quite too ridiculous. The man who has the slightest sense of honor cannot do murder, nor take life. What he vindicates is his claim to a mistaken social esteem, his title to the respect of others as blind and self-willed as himself. But what can a man recover of an unfaithful wife by murdering the partner of her guilt? She carries the deadly sin, as well as the ineradicable stain. Why should he not have discarded her, and been thus amply vindicated? Can he vindicate honor by murdering some one else and, then, continuing to live with her? Does he vent his murderous passion upon the protector of an innocent family that he may preserve his unfaithful wife for his less sanguinary passions? However it is looked upon as a most flagitious crime, and calls for public reprobation at the hands of every community, by its public press, its pulpit, or in public assemblies.

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